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The 2019 Grade 8 graduating class of Archie Stouffer Elementary School pose for a group shot before the ceremony held June 24. See more on pages 8 and 9. / SUE TIFFIN Staff

Coach cycling to raise money for Red Wolves

by VANESSA BALINTEC
Times Staff

Before deciding to bike his way to Courtright, Ont., this past spring, the last

time Bruce Fisher rode his bike was eight years ago.

"I'm 79 years old, too old to be doing something like this," said Fisher, long-time supporter and bowling and curling coach for the Special Olympic Haliburton Red Wolves. "The last ride I made was to Newfoundland."

Fisher said he cycled from the Smith Falls area to St. John's to help raise money for the Haliburton Red Wolves in 2011. But a year after his ride, a new challenge presented itself.

"I had a little fight with cancer," he said. "I had colon cancer. And I haven't been on

a bike since. So this year I thought, one last time I'd like to raise some more money for the Haliburton County Red Wolves."

The Haliburton Red Wolves train in bowling, baseball, curling, golf, shuffleboard, and softball and have 35 regular athletes.

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Fisher embarks on week-long ride

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Among various competitions and games, they participate in the Special Olympics that take place across Canada and internationally each year, an event and sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

To prepare for what Fisher estimates to be a 550 km trip, his wife Judith says he bikes every day, alternating between 45 km long rides and 12 km short ones. However, as much as he's acquainted with cycling, the only time Fisher enjoys it is when he can get off the bike.

"That's the only reason I'm doing this," he said. "I don't like cycling. But it is a good way to raise some money. I believe people would donate if they can see some effort being put in to try to raise it."

Proceeds will go towards things such as transportation and travel, as many members of the team are spread across the county. So far, about \$1,300 has been raised for the team due to Fisher's fundraiser, separate from what Judith estimates to be more than \$10,000 he's cumulatively raised over 10 years of being on the team and cycling.

"I really enjoy being with [the team]," said Fisher. "There's something special. They never give you a bad time, they just accept you the way you are."

Despite fear he won't be able to complete the ride, he is determined to see it through to the end.

"It's important to me that I finish this," said Fisher. "I don't want to raise funds, and say 'Sorry, I didn't do it.' That would bother me."

But Judith remains confident in his abilities and drive. "Everything he's ever planned to do in his life, he has finished it," she said.

Fisher leaves from Minden for his trip on July 3, and will ride rain or shine. He hopes to arrive on July 10. To donate, you can e-transfer to Judith Fisher at judefisher3474@gmail.



Seventy-nine-year-old Haliburton County resident Bruce Fisher will be embarking on a week-long bike ride to Courtright, Ont., starting July 3 to raise funds for the Haliburton County Red Wolves. /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff

com with your name included for tax receipt purposes or mail a cheque sent to the name Judith Fisher or the Haliburton Red Wolves at box 373 Minden Ontario K0M 2K0.

Permeable pavement goes in at vet clinic

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Permeable paving was being installed at the new Minden Animal Hospital along Booth Street on June 24, a day that Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations chairman Paul MacInnes was calling a history-making one in the county.

The parking lot at the clinic, owned by MacInnes's daughter, Dr. Jennifer Morrow, is the first known permeable paving project in Haliburton County.

Permeable paving is a method of paving that allows for the infiltration of liquids. In this way, the pavement reduces runoff and actually acts as a filter of contaminants such as

phosphorous, copper, nitrogen and zinc, as well as suspended solids. Its use is becoming more widespread.

"In the Lake Simcoe area, permeable paving is becoming almost mandatory," MacInnes told county councillors at a meeting earlier this spring, and he is encouraging anyone undertaking paving projects to consider permeable paving because of its benefits for lake health.

The paving was done by Rugged Earth, a landscaping company out of Muskoka.



Muskoka landscaping company Rugged Earth was installing permeable paving at the new Minden Animal Hospital on June 24. Permeable paving filters out pollutants that regular paving passes along into the watertable via runoff, thereby helping to improve local water quality. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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Township opposes parts of housing bill

by VANESSA BALINTEC
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during the June 20 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

Although the township has formally recognized the passage of provincial Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, council is calling upon the government of Ontario to halt the legislation and “properly engage and consult with municipalities” before further consideration of the legislation.

The Act was written to help encourage development for all kinds of housing throughout the province by amending 15 different acts. The planning department has deemed the amendments of Schedule 5, the Endangered Species Act, Schedule 9, The Local Planning Appeal and Schedule 12, the Planning Act, to have the most significant negative impacts to the community and is calling for their removal from the bill.

According to a report from the planning department, the above amendments have several implications: many practices and procedures of the tribunal, an independent administrative

body responsible for hearing appeals on municipal matters and disputes, would revert to the former Ontario Municipal Board, “thereby allowing an un-elected, unaccountable body to make important planning decisions for our community”; reduced timelines for decision-making related to official plans, zoning bylaws, and plans of subdivision, “further impeding a municipality’s ability to make important planning decision at the local level and reducing appeals to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal”; and the emergence of a Species at Risk Conservation Fund which enables a charge in lieu of meeting requirements to adequately protect species at risk and their habitats.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen made special note of the changes to the Endangered Species Act.

“All the work that’s been done to protect endangered species, and it just gets turned around in a flash,” she said.

“Of all the proposed changes, I think that one would be the most significant one that would have an impact for this area especially,” said planner Sean O’Callaghan.

Multi-community waste wizard partnership agreement

The Township of Algonquin Highlands has entered into an agreement with the Municipality of Highlands East for a Multi-Community Waste Wizard subscription application that will provide waste information for both municipalities.

The subscription with ReCollect, which will cost each municipality close to \$1,500 per year, will help in waste education for each community and contribute to environmental and sustainability plans.

At any time, other municipalities may sign on to this agreement, and costs will continue to be divided evenly among participating communities. The agreement and contract will be reviewed and renewed annually.

New Dorset memorial bench

Dorset resident Arlene Irvine has requested the parks, recreation and trails department to build a bench in the Dorset Parkette in memory of her husband Dave Irvine.

All costs for the purchase and installation of materials would be covered by Arlene while the township will com-

plete the installation. The township approved the request.

Bell telephone plant approval on Green Lake Road

Bell has requested approval from the Township of Algonquin Highlands to place a telephone plant on Green Lake Road.

The installation will include the replacement of close to 400 metres of fibre along the existing fibre box at the corner of Stanhope Airport Road and Green Lake Road. Bell has proposed to place a grade level box to connect to the customer duct in the 1095 Green Lake Road building.

According to the report from the public works department expanded fibre installations and improved connectivity will help create an environment that fosters year-round economic vitality.

The township has approved the request.

EORN Broadband Project looking to lock down funding

All supporting municipalities contributing to Eastern Ontario Regional Network’s Mobile Broadband Project are calling upon the federal government to provide the promised \$71 million towards a project helping to fill gaps in mobile broadband coverage across Eastern Ontario.

Former Ontario Minister of Infrastructure Monte McNaughton announced in May that Ontario will contribute \$71 million to the project, while municipalities and partners in the Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus representing 110 municipalities and 750,000 rural residents, have committed \$10 million as a contribution to the project, with a further 378,000 residents from separate municipalities such as Belleville and Quinte West contributing their portion of the \$10 million.

“It’s a three-party funding – the municipalities involved, the province, and the federal government,” said Danielsen. “The federal government, although they’ve made all sorts of promises, have still not actually committed their portion of the funding. It’s so key to our economic well-being here that everybody is being asked to pitch in and ask them to act on it now,” she said.

“Of all the proposed changes, I think that one would be the most significant one that would have an impact for this area especially.”

— SEAN O’CALLAGHAN

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Meetings are held at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

July 25 – Combined COTW/Regular Council Meeting
For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit [www.mindenhills.ca](#)

Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of July, August and December

CANADA DAY HOLIDAY REMINDERS

Use of Fireworks

The use of Consumer Fireworks within the geographical Township of Minden Hills are only permitted on: Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day and New Year’s Eve, between dusk & 11:00 pm. Ratepayers are cautioned that during dry conditions, fireworks may create a potential fire hazard. Keep your pets safe and indoors when discharging fireworks as they may be sensitive to the sudden, loud noises. A permit is not required **except** for public and display use of fireworks as per Bylaw 13-54 and amending Bylaw 14-10.

For questions or concerns, contact the CBO/MLEO/Planning Supervisor at [cmknight@mindenhills.ca](#).

Use of Chinese Lanterns

The Minden Hills Fire Department cautions the public about the dangers of the use of Chinese lanterns. Chinese lanterns, or wish, or flying lanterns, have become increasingly popular as a means of celebrating special occasions – however, they carry a significant risk of fire or injury.

The lanterns are generally made from paper, supported by a wire frame that incorporates a holder at its base for a solid fuel heat source. In the event that the lantern is caught in a tree, or lands on a roof, the outcome could be tragic. These can present a very real fire hazard. For questions or for more information, please contact the Fire Chief at [mbekking@mindenhills.ca](#).

CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS – LOCHLIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee for the 2019-2022 term of Council.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in participating, please submit a completed Advisory Committee Application Form in person, by mail or email to:

Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee Application
Clerk’s Department, 2nd floor
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne Street, PO Box 359
Minden, ON
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Email: [sprentice@mindenhills.ca](#)

Application deadline has been extended to Friday July 12, 2019 by 12:00 noon.

For an Application Form or for more information, please contact Vicki Bull at [vbull@mindenhills.ca](#), 705-286-1260 ext. 215 or Shannon Prentice at [sprentice@mindenhills.ca](#), 705-286-1260 ext. 313.

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Council and Staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Canada Day Holiday Weekend. The Administration Office will be CLOSED on Monday July 1, 2019 See page 12 for Canada Day activities.

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

The 2019 Final Residential tax bills were mailed on June 14, 2019. If you have not received your bill(s) **prior** to the July due date, please contact our office. Tax bills for owners on the Ten Month Preauthorized Payment Plan will be mailed later in June.

The Final tax bill will be payable in two installments; July 19th, 2019 and September 20th, 2019. This bill has been calculated using the 2019 assessment multiplied by the 2019 applicable tax rate(s), less the interim billing amount.

Payments received after June 5th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Please note that any overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for July. Please contact our office for a current balance.

The Final Commercial/Industrial/Multi-residential tax bills are anticipated to be mailed in August. Bills with both commercial and residential assessments will be mailed together at that time.

Property owners are responsible to provide to the Municipal Office written notification of any address change.

Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account.



Walking for water

Students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School held placards and buckets as they took part in a Walk for Water fundraiser on June 19. The event raised money for Haliburton County-based charity Help A Village Effort (HAVE), which funds the creation of wells providing communities in countries such as India with clean drinking water. This allows girls, who are often tasked with transporting water in these communities, to attend school. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Archie Stouffer Elementary School students trekked Minden's Riverwalk on June 19, raising \$800 for Haliburton County-based charity Help A Village Effort.



ASES students get a sense of what it might be like for children in developing countries who are tasked with transporting drinking water for their families.

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Grow a Row for those in hunger

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

If you're a gardener, perhaps consider dedicating a row in your garden for planting produce to go to the county's food banks this summer.

The local incarnation of the national program Grow a Row has a number of partner organizations including the Central Food Network, the Minden Community Food Centre, the 4Cs, SIRCH, the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Haliburton County FoodNet, the Haliburton Highlands Community Garden Network, the Haliburton County Farmers' Association and Abbey Gardens.

"The initiative is new to the county," Kate

Hall, a public health food worker with the health unit, told the *Times*. "Some people have been donating informally for a couple years but this was the first year that we've actively promoted growing extra for donation."

Hall suggested that vegetables people are familiar cooking with, such as carrots, cucumbers, beans and squash, would likely be the most preferable for donation.

According to the health unit, 13.5 per cent of households within its jurisdiction are food insecure, meaning there is not always enough money to purchase an adequate amount of food. This is higher than the provincial rate of 11 per cent. Also, 50 per cent of people of all ages within the health unit's area are not getting enough fruit and vegetables in their diets.

According to information provided by the health unit, PROOF Food Insecurity Project

and Food Secure Canada, 58 per cent of low-income earners struggle to put food on the table, sometimes skip meals in order to pay bills, and often can only afford less healthy food. The cost to healthily feed a family of four in Haliburton County for a month is estimated at \$882.

"It can be very difficult for people living in poverty to meet their nutritional needs," reads a release from the health unit. "Being in the lowest income group can increase a person's risk of getting chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and certain types of cancers."

"When we grow and donate food for ourselves and local food banks, we reduce food waste, decrease pollution and protect the environment in the Haliburton Highlands."

It is estimated that 40 per cent of all food produced in Canada is wasted, or approxi-

mately \$31 billion worth of food every year.

Donated garden veggies can be dropped off at the Minden Community Food Centre on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; at the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; at the Highlands East Food Hub on Wednesdays and Fridays between 1 and 3 p.m.

At the Cardiff Food Bank, veggies can be dropped off from 6 to 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on remaining Tuesdays. At the Kinmount Food Bank, veggies can be dropped off two Thursdays a month between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and more information can be found by calling 705-455-3060. At the SIRCH Community Kitchen, please call 705-457-1742 to arrange to drop off donated vegetables.



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Do the shuffle

THE PREMIER of Ontario certainly knows how to make headlines, even during the political off-season.

Last Thursday, Doug Ford announced he was making a cabinet shuffle, a very large one. It's the second shuffle Ford has made during his first year in office, the first one occurring last fall, but this one was much wider in scope. Some two thirds of the previous cabinet were moved to new portfolios – Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott was switched from the labour file to infrastructure – and there were some very high-profile demotions.

Former finance minister Vic Fedeli was removed from his post after tabling just one budget – a rarity – and Caroline Mulroney lost her position as the province's attorney general. Fedeli has been the fall man for Ford on many occasions, taking the brunt of Opposition slag during a number of controversial decisions, so the move seems to almost amount to betrayal. Often, cabinet shuffles amount to little more than lipstick on a pig or rearranging the deck furniture in an attempt to save a sinking ship – pick whatever analogy you like – but moving ministers, who are largely figureheads spewing talking points, from one portfolio to another is not likely to change the dogma of a government, that dogma often coming directly from that government's leader.

It seems pretty clear though that

something is happening within the PC party. The really interesting thing last week was not the cabinet shuffle, but the resignation of Ford's chief of staff just a day later. Dean French resigned Friday following a couple of high-paying, nepotistic patronage appointments – one to a relative, and one to a friend of his son's – with those appointments quickly revoked. It seems abundantly clear that in the wake of the shuffle

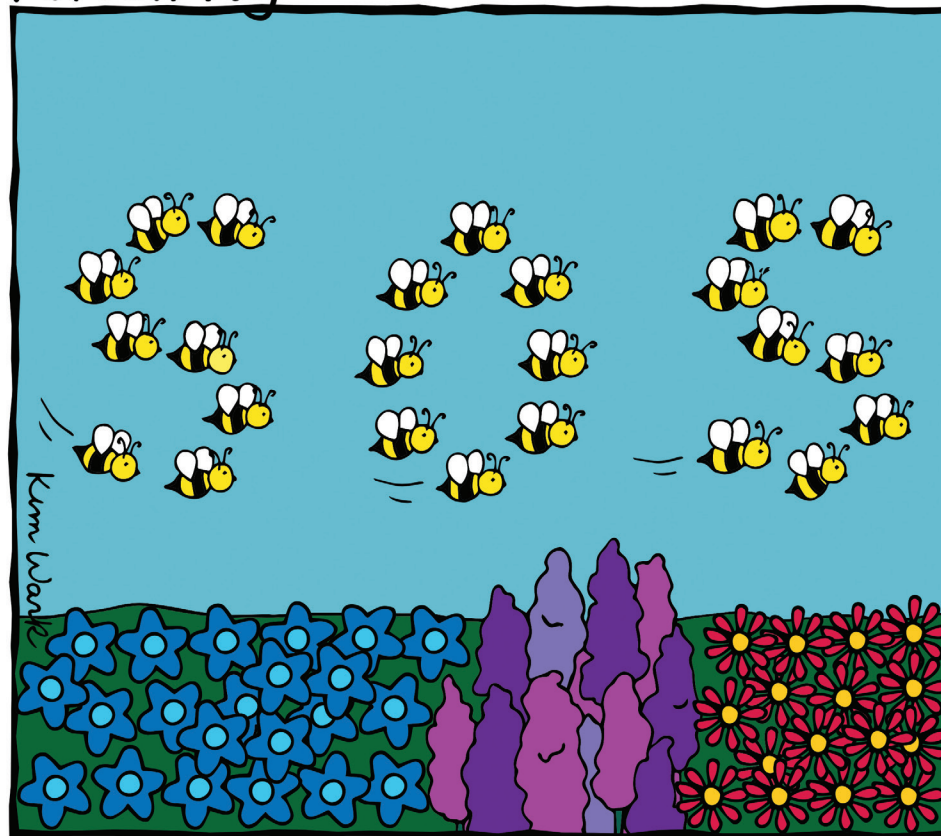
and the patronage controversy, there was a conversation between PC MPPs and Ford. Remember this is a party that not very long ago devoured its last leader.

It's been reported that French, the most powerful, non-elected member of the

government, was not particularly well-liked by a number of MPPs. It was apparently French who would keep tabs on which MPPs refuse to stand and clap like seals every time a new piece of legislation is passed in Queen's Park. Perhaps his absence will mean the end of corny, synchronized social media posts from MPPs promoting the government's latest policies, like the day they were all instructed to take pictures of themselves gassing up in their ridings before the federal carbon tax kicked in, or the day they were all instructed to take pictures of themselves at a convenience store in their riding promoting the sale of beer in corner stores. The behaviour is demeaning to watch, and presumably demeaning to endure.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

Kwarky



Shirt fashion

LATELY, AND much to the dismay of my stylist, I have been wearing my shirts tucked inside my pants.

Right now, many of you are probably thinking, "What? You have a stylist?"

I understand completely. I didn't even know I had one until yesterday when Jenn said, "Don't wear your shirt tucked in. It looks awful."

To which I responded, "What are you? My stylist?"

And that's when I found out I had one.

I bet if you start wearing your shirt tucked in, you will discover you have one too.

I think we can all agree few things in today's fashion world are as controversial as how a person wears a shirt.

Most people currently believe the only way to wear a shirt is in the lazy, unkempt way, with it hanging all willy-nilly and flapping in the breeze outside of your pants. I believe this took hold because it was one less thing to do in the morning.

But, mark my words, one day historians will view this as one of humanity's greatest blunders.

The shirt in/shirt out argument has been going on pretty well since the invention of pants. Prior to that, the argument was strictly about appropriate shirt length.

When I was growing up, an untucked shirt was an aberration. No one wore their shirts untucked unless they had a broken zipper, a noticeable tear in the back of their pants or were recently surprised by a bear – all of which required this drastic sort of cover up.

Oh sure, there was the odd time when a man wore an undersized shirt outside of his pants because he had said something stupid

to his wife, like, "How difficult can doing your own laundry be?"

Otherwise, you tucked your shirt into your pants the way good soldiers and business people do or you heard about it from your father.

Now that anarchy has pretty well taken hold, shirts are worn outside of pants as a matter of course – just like they were prior to the collapse of the Roman Empire.

As an outdoorsman, I believe we have got this all wrong.

Wearing your shirt untucked provides great insurance against wedgies or getting

pantsed, both of which are important considerations for outdoorsmen. And it also allows a person to hide that tramp stamp of Yosemite Sam holding two smoking six shooters, which is, regrettably, not as timeless as they once thought it would be.

But there is a down side too. For instance, I think we can all agree this untucked shirt craze has been bad for the belt knife industry, which used to

be a major fashion accessory for outdoorsmen. Also, if you wear your shirt untucked, what's the point of even wearing a mallard or white-tailed buck belt buckle?

For outdoorsmen, however, the best reason for tucking in a shirt is to prevent mosquitoes, ticks and black flies – all of which love nothing better than crawling up an unsecured shirt – from having easy access to your torso.

Trust me, the simple act of tucking in your shirt can stop this from happening and save you from scratching multiple itches. This is worth all the odd looks you will get.

And, as an added bonus, it will drive your stylist nuts.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

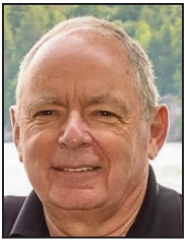
Flying through climate change

STARING OUT a window at Sky Harbour Airport in Phoenix, Ariz., I become increasingly edgy.

Outside that window, baggage handlers toss dozens of bulky bags onto the conveyor belt crawling up into the belly of the aircraft I am about to board. The stream of bags appears endless, and very, very heavy.

I shift my glance to the outside thermometer. It is 101F and only 9:30 a.m. My flight is delayed, as many are these days, and the longer the delay, the hotter it is going to get. The hotter it gets, the harder it will be for my airplane – cargo hold jam packed and every seat booked – to get off the ground.

Airplanes roaring along a runway need lift to get airborne, and the warmer the air flowing across the wings, the less lift. The less lift, the less chance of getting into the air before the runway ends.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Temperature, airport elevation, weight, type of aircraft all figure into the calculations that determine whether an aircraft will get off the ground.

At 104F the people who make “fly” or “no fly” decisions start to get concerned. At 118F some smaller regional flights are not allowed to fly. Larger, longer distance jets, like the one I am about to board, probably will be given flight clearance until the temperature gets into the 120s.

Dozens of flights were cancelled during the summer of 2017 when temperatures in the U.S. southwest soared into the 120s. In some world hot spots, such as the Middle East, flights often are scheduled for evening when temperatures are cooler.

I'm sure the computers, and the people who make the decisions, know what they are doing so I am not too concerned about the increasing heat and my flight. However, the experience widens my perspective on our changing climate: Changing weather patterns are making air travel less reliable, more uncomfortable, and more costly.

Hotter temperatures, more wild storms, stronger and more frequent winds are increasing delays, cancellations, rerouting, and rocky, uncomfortable flights.

Two of the four flights I have taken recently have been among the roughest in my lifetime of air travel. Both were strapped in flights with little or no service.

The University of Reading in England expects that in-flight injuries caused by rougher flights will increase three-fold over the next 30 years.

A study by the university predicts that severe turbulence on North Atlantic flights will increase by as much as 180 per cent. Flights over North America will see a 110-per-cent increase in turbulence and flights over Europe 160 per cent more.

Meanwhile, the leader of a union representing flight attendants says that rough air incidents caused by shifting air currents and clear air turbulence will double over the next 30 years.

In-flight turbulence could reach strengths that could “catapult unbuckled passengers and crew around the aircraft cabin,” Sara Nelson, international president of the 50,000-member Association of Flight Attendants, said in a column written for *Vox*.

Not all flight problems caused by climate change will be in the air. Many airports are located on flat, low-lying ground that is subject to flooding during storm surges. A U.S. federal assessment has found that 13 major U.S. airports are at risk from storm-driven ocean surges and heavy downpour flooding.

Also, warmer temperatures are melting permafrost in Arctic airport locations. The airport at Iqaluit, N.W.T. is built on permafrost and its runway and taxiway have had to be redone because of the melting.

Average global temperatures have been increasing, notably since the 1970s. Eighteen of the earth's warmest 19 years have occurred since 2000. Last year was the fourth warmest year ever recorded on earth.

Global temperatures are not expected to stop rising any time soon. A study in the journal *Climatic Change* has said that heat waves will become more frequent and that annual daily highs at airports worldwide are projected to rise seven to 14 degrees Fahrenheit by 2080.

Airline pilots do their best to go above or around rough air. But climate changes are producing more super storms, and more frequent thunderstorms that reach higher altitudes. Avoiding rough weather can mean longer flights and added fuel costs.

So folks, tighten your seat belts and hope that the drink cart makes it to your row.

Focus your mind on Minden

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Special to the Times

MIND ON MINDEN – it sounds simple enough, but have you ever just stopped to smell the campfire?

In this day and age, the world moves fast. Smartphones, emails, phone calls, messages; we're moving a mile a minute, but are we mindful of this?

I am excited to launch Minden's own tourism initiative – Mind on Minden. This is a concept designed to remind you to slow down, and truly disconnect to reconnect. Minden Hills offers a sense of nostalgia, warm memories, pivotal stories, and friendly faces; and this deserves to be celebrated.

For the past few years, Lynda Litwin and a series of dedicated Minden businesses have launched “Make it Minden,” which has celebrated Minden-based events and experiences that are accessible to visitors and locals alike. This year, to be more aligned with our intended brand, we are renaming this listing “Mind on Minden,” to act as that reminder to slow down, and truly appreciate our heritage, stories, and natural surroundings.

The “Mind on Minden” logo was created by local artist Taylor Vlaming. The design is intended to replicate a vintage scouts badge; highlighting those “golden days”

of camping, canoeing, and exploring this place so many of us are lucky to call home.

This logo and initiative is not designed to replace our current Minden Hills logo, rather, it was designed to accentuate it – act as a complementary sister image that will be aligned with experiential tourism, good food, fun activities, and just getting back to basics.

My hope is that whenever you see this image, you tap into that sense of calm we all deserve, and really appreciate Minden for all it has to offer. This summer, Minden Hills has something for everyone; from street sales to open houses, live music to trivia nights, races, food-tasting, river-floating, and everything else under the stars. Minden offers a recipe for a successfully sweet summer, so stay tuned for more updates, events, and experiences.

So put the phone down, smell the campfire, look up at the stars, take a deep breath of fresh air, swat at the occasional mosquito, and remember that when you're here, just truly be here; be present, and focus your Mind on Minden.



Ya get what ya pay for...

A COUPLE OF weeks ago I purchased energy bars on sale. I've used this brand before but for the past year I've been using apple slices and a combination of nuts and seeds to fuel my physical activities. At four for \$5 I thought I was getting a pretty good deal and it was time for a little change.

When I got the energy bars home I noticed that “70 per cent Organic Ingredients” is now printed on the front of the package. I found this kind of fascinating. If something isn't 100 per cent organic is it organic at all? Generally speaking I do enjoy reading food labels. When I read the label on this energy bar I was reminded of why I had steered away from this particular brand. It has a ton of ingredients (some that are not organic, but we knew that already, didn't we?), and all those ingredients provided 260 calories in a 68 g bar.

When it comes to using energy bars for exercise they are a great resource. Still the simpler the list of ingredients consumed the less work your body has to do to have access to the energy it needs. After using one of these bars on a bike ride I can say that while they do fill the hunger hole they do not have the same results in providing an energy boost that the apple/nuts/seeds combination does.

At first glance, purchasing apples, nuts and seeds may seem more expensive. Then there is the time it takes to slice the apples. Then everything has to be packaged up for

the journey (by the way, I've been using these reusable bags with zippers that have worked perfectly for carting around these foods). In the end, the extra expense and effort pays off because my body is using less energy breaking down the food to use it as energy. I hope that makes sense.

This comes back to the fact that the only reason that we need to eat is to nourish our bodies so that they can keep going and doing all the wonderful things that they do. While I do love nacho chips and dark

chocolate (not together), and I will eat a doughnut from time-to-time, I have cleaned up my eating habits over the years. I appreciate that grocery shopping and food preparation take time. Shopping for groceries is one of my least favourite things to do. I doubt I will ever love it, but I am enjoying cooking more and more. There is something empowering about creating a meal that

not only tastes good but is really good for you. Not because the package says that but because you know every ingredient that went into it.

I still have a couple of these bars left. They are good until January 2020. They will be a back up when the apples, nuts and seeds run out.

Something to think about.

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LAURIE SWEIG

Practical Fitness

Zita Suranyi receives the principal's award for all-around student from ASES principal Jane Austin at the graduation ceremony held June 24.
/SUE TIFFIN Staff



ASES students graduate with 'bright futures'

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Thirty-four Grade 8 students nervously, shyly, and also with pride and excitement, walked a red carpet at a Hollywood-themed graduation ceremony held June 24 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

"It's a cliché, but when you get up to Hal High, get involved," advised school board trustee Gary Brohman to the group. "You can make these four years some of the best years of your life. It only happens if you join a club, a team, a choir, whatever – get involved."

Brohman praised the Leader in Me model at Archie Stouffer Elementary School that he said had created an important foundation for students. He reminded graduates to be grateful and thankful for what they have, to perform random acts of kindness and to volunteer. He reminded parents the students would need their guidance, and potentially, on occasion, their forgiveness.

Zita Suranyi received the principal's all-round student award, with ASES principal Jane Austin noting the student's intelligence, kindness, leadership abilities and that Suranyi supports those around her.

Grade 8 teachers Rachel Manol, Michelle Kernohan,

Shannon Blanchard, Natalia Brown and Teresa Bird presented a rhyming Grade 8 teachers' address to the graduating students, playfully teasing the class while also shedding tears as they leave elementary school for high school.

"Yes, it's hard sometimes that goodbye to say, but we must send you on your way, we will miss you, yes, it's true, but know that our love goes along with you," said Kernohan.

Kernohan noted, "As we always say and has been said for years," before together the teachers said: "we sure grow them good in Minden."

Valedictorian Abby Dykstra was chosen for the role by her peers and ASES faculty to represent the class and brought plenty of family with her to support her that night. She acknowledged fellow classmates and staff members, parents and guardians, and also the community that had been involved in volunteering with the class to provide further education and help in shaping who the students had become. She said she hoped the class would stick together as they continued on to high school.

"I have faith in us and our bright futures," she said.

Scholars awards (75 to 79 per cent): Walker Nesbitt, Owen Newell, Maria O'Malley, Brody Prentice, Maddie Robinson, Matthew Vargass

Honours awards (80 per cent and higher): Ava Allaire, Broden Boisvert, Destiny Brown, Rory Campbell, Georgia Code, Austin Crego, Abby Dykstra, Hannah Gartshore,

Colleen Petric, Abby Rosik, Zita Suranyi, Kayla Switzer, Carrie Walker

Horseshoe Lake science and technology award: Broden Boisvert, Kayla Switzer

Toronto Dominion Canada Trust English award: Ava Allaire, Zita Suranyi

Commercial Imperial Bank of Commerce math award: Austin Crego, Ava Allaire

Tim Harrison memorial award for music: Colleen Petric, Zita Suranyi

French award: Abby Dykstra, Colleen Petric

Elementary Teacher's Federation award for the arts: Carrie Walker, Kayla Switzer

Minden Hills Museum history award: Destiny Brown, Rory Campbell

ASES geography award: Owen Newell, Brody Prentice

Arcadia Masonic Lodge award: Austin Crego

Alan Walker memorial award for citizenship: Hannah Gartshore

Award for academic excellence: Colleen Petric

Character education award: Carrie Walker

Athletic sportsmanship award: Destiny Brown, Austin Crego

Athletic achievement award: Abby Rosik

Principal all-round student award: Zita Suranyi

Class valedictorian: Abby Dykstra



The Grade 8 ASES teachers addressed graduating students at the June 24 ceremony with some gentle joking and a few tears.



After the graduation ceremony and before the dance got underway, family, friends and graduates posed for pictures outside of Archie Stouffer Elementary School.



Above, Abby Dykstra, front left, was the ASES valedictorian of the Class of 2019 on June 24, and celebrated with family who showed up to support her.

Left, photo albums on display in the library at the ASES grad ceremony evening held June 24 showcased highlights of each student's life thus far.



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Wildcats roar at awards ceremony

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Beaming students received awards and cheered each other on at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School end-of-year awards ceremony, held June 21 at a daytime assembly.

Two students from each class were awarded with Respect, Citizenship, Attitude and Effort and Responsibility awards, while students achieving academic effort and honours

accolades were also awarded.

Recipients of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 Minden literary and poster contest from ASES and the homeschool community were acknowledged, as well as students who had participated in extracurricular clubs and sports.

Macy Thompson was named the student most deserving of a leadership award chosen by principal Jane Austin as part of the Ontario Principals' Council.

Jadyn Hamilton kept a firm grip on his trophy, awarded to him as the TLDSB track and field primary boys champion. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Macy Thompson receives the principal's award for leadership from ASES principal Jane Austin at an in-school assembly held June 21. Austin said Thompson could be found helping at every special event the school hosted, but also on a daily basis to help the community.




Olivia Humphries shares a laugh with Al Mayo of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 while she and her brother Tristan receive awards at a June 21 assembly.

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- 11:00: Kid's Fishing Derby final weigh in. *On Water Street*
- 11:00: Registration for Crazy River Raft Race opens. *At Rotary Park*
- 11:45: Opening Ceremonies. Royal Canadian Legion Colour Party Parade, opening remarks, cutting of the cake. *At Main Stage*
- 12:30: Crazy River Raft Race begins. *Starts at Rotary Park and ends downtown. Sponsored by Gordon Monk Funeral Home and the Gull Lake Cottagers Association*
- 1:30: Rubber Ducky Race begins. Hosted by the Minden Lioness. *At Town Dock on Water St.*

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HKLB Liberals choose federal candidate

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Liberal riding association for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock has chosen its candidate for the fall federal election.

Judi Forbes was set to be acclaimed during a nomination meeting in Lindsay on the evening of June 26.

As per party rules, Forbes was unavailable for interviews before the nomination meeting.

Currently the owner of a bed and breakfast in Beaverton, Forbes worked in the financial services industry and is a former senior bank manager. Born in Kitchener and a longtime resident of Don Mills, she relocated to the riding eight years ago.

“As the owner of Moorlands Bed and Breakfast in Beaverton, and a former bank senior manager, Judi has a deep understanding of the daily challenges faced by families in our region,” reads a release from the riding association. “She understands the need to develop skills and create good jobs for continuous economic renewal. A great listener and full of energy, Judi is committed to be a champion and trusted voice for the people of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

“Judi and her family have long worked, gone to school and vacationed in this region – enjoying our beautiful open spaces, pristine lakes, and pastoral settings. Eight years ago, they chose to make their home here on Lake Simcoe, near Beaverton, while actively contributing to our friendly, hard working and energetic community. As a passionate volunteer dedicated to helping others, Judi currently chairs the board of a local nursing home and is on the board with the Brock

Board of Trade. In the past, Judi has been a volunteer and helped raise funds for Habitat for Humanity, Engineers Without Borders, the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the Cancer

Society.”

Forbes, who holds a BA from McMaster University, is a mother and grandmother. She, along with NDP candidate Barbara Doyle, a Lindsay-based activist, will take on

incumbent Conservative MP Jamie Schmale in the Oct. 21 election. Schmale, who was the longtime executive assistant to former MP Barry Devolin, was first elected to Parliament in 2015.



Judi Forbes is the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal nominee for the upcoming federal election. /Photo provided

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Broadband tops Scott's list as she takes new role

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott has been named the Minister of Infrastructure, switching portfolios with Monte McNaughton who takes over the Minister of Labour position Scott has occupied since June of 2018.

"I'm proud and excited to take on the new responsibilities as Minister of Infrastructure, and I'm very grateful for the Premier's support," Scott wrote in an email to the *Times*. "I'll have more to say about infrastructure priorities in the coming days, but I wanted to let you know, our government for the people is making historic infrastructure investments and I'm pleased to lead these efforts on behalf of Ontario and of course the people of my riding Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock."

She added: "One of the first things I look forward to pushing for in my new portfolio is the expansion of the broadband network, bringing 21st century service to rural areas."

The second major cabinet shuffle in Doug Ford's time as premier saw several changes to high-profile cabinet positions on June 20.

"These changes will ensure that the Government of Ontario will effectively continue with its agenda of creating good jobs, supporting small businesses, putting more money in people's pockets and restoring trust and accountability in government, while also protecting what matters most through sound investments in health care and education," reads a press release from the office of the premier on June 20.

After the announcement, Ford told media: "I can tell you after a year in office, we made some changes ... to make sure we have the right people, in the right place, at the right time, to move forward in year two."

Caroline Mulroney, who served as attorney general, is now responsible for the ministry of transportation and continues on the francophone affairs portfolio. Doug Downey has been named attorney general.

Vic Fedeli, Ford's finance minister who oversaw the re-



The new Progressive Conservative cabinet. MPP Laurie Scott, front row, third from the right, has become minister of infrastructure. /Photo via Twitter

lease of the provincial budget in April this year, was demoted to minister of economic development, job creation and trade. Rod Phillips becomes Minister of Finance.

Lisa Thompson, who was education minister, was demoted to government and consumer services, while Stephen Lecce takes the minister of education role, and Lisa MacLeod, formerly minister of children, community and social services, is now minister of tourism, culture and sport. Todd Smith has been named minister of children, community and social services.

With some additional changes and additions, the Ford cabinet has grown in size from 21 to 28 ministers and associate ministers.

The Ford government has been controversial, facing negative publicity due in part to a plan to change autism services; the end of cap-and-trade; funding cuts to education and increases to class sizes; wide spending cuts to services includ-

ing legal aid, public health, library services; increased access to alcohol; and behaviour by MPPs that includes participating in scripted social media campaigns and an abundance of standing ovations in the Ontario Legislature.

Scott was first elected to be HKLB MPP in 2003.

"As Minister of Labour, two of her top priorities are combatting human labour trafficking, and strengthening the role of women in our economy," reads Scott's website. "For 15 years, Laurie has been a strong advocate for issues facing rural Ontario. Last fall, she passed legislation to protect rural fire halls and promote public safety in small communities by ending the unfair persecution of double hatters. She has also made key labour reforms that have spurred job creation across the province."

The day of the announcement, Scott wrote to the *Times*: "This past year has been incredibly rewarding and I'm proud

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MPP Laurie Scott was named Minister of Infrastructure in the cabinet shuffle June 20. From left, Scott, Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell, and Premier Doug Ford. /Photo supplied by the office of MPP Laurie Scott



Scott becomes infrastructure minister

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to say the changes I had the honour of leading as Minister of Labour alongside Premier Ford and our entire PC team has made Ontario open for business and open for jobs. Since the election last year Ontario has created more than 190,000 jobs. And here at home, our region is seeing new jobs being created and job growth of over 3.5 per cent. This and the changes around volunteer firefighters, have had an enormous positive impact on our community.”

McNaughton posted a photo of the new cabinet to social media an hour after the announcement, saying he was “humbled to be sworn in as Minister of Labour in the Ontario government under Premier Doug Ford.”

Ford’s last cabinet shuffle took place in November 2018, four months into his time as premier. The Ontario legislature is currently on an extended break, returning Oct. 28 after the federal election on Oct. 21, rather than the usual break to Sept. 9.

Ontario’s new cabinet:

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Associate Minister of Children and Women’s Issues Jill Dunlop
Minister of Labour - Monte McNaughton
Attorney General - Doug Downey
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Affairs - Caroline Mulroney

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Positive end to challenging year for HHHS

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Displays set up in the hallways of Hyland Crest on the way to the auditorium where the 23rd Haliburton Highlands Health Services annual general meeting was held on June 20 showed the wide and ever-growing range of health-care-related programs and services offered in the community by both staff and volunteers, making for an active and engaged 2018 to 2019 year for HHHS.

"We've had an incredibly busy year," said Carolyn Plummer, HHHS CEO and president, in her report of the corporation, of the CEO and HHHS programs. "We've overcome huge challenges and despite those, we've had many tremendous achievements as well."

Just two weeks before the meeting, Highland Wood long-term care home reopened, four months after a roof damaged by significant snow and ice build-up forced the evacuation of 28 residents and closure of the building. Plummer acknowledged that the situation was disruptive and stressful and thanked the HHHS team, community partners and families for working together to reopen "as quickly as possible."

"The roof has now been replaced, areas of the building that were damaged have been repaired, Highland Wood has officially opened as of the third of June, and residents have now been repatriated back to [their] home," she said.

Plummer spoke to both emergency room and inpatient clinical services, citing 11,295 visits to the Haliburton emergency department and 15,470 visits to the Minden emergency department. The Haliburton emergency department had a slight decrease in volume, which Plummer attributed to the walk-in clinic available next door.

"That certainly made a difference in terms of our summer-time volumes and certainly ... eased things up for our staff

in emerg, which was really helpful."

The palliative care unit marked its first full year of operation, with 103 admissions to the two beds available. Plummer said HHHS had received "overwhelmingly positive feedback from both patients and families that use that space."

She spoke to the work done to improve access to local health-care services, praising the new centralized intake initiative, which she said was making it easier for clients to access a wide range of supports and services available with one simple phone call.

Telemedicine services enabling clients to access specialist services through technology facilitated 1,531 clinical visits, which Plummer said had saved nearly 500,000 kilometres of travel and about 7,500 hours of time and was made possible through funds from the HHHS Foundation to replace tired equipment with state-of-the-art equipment.

"It makes a huge difference to people in our community," she said, saying the telemedicine service is extensive, ranging from cardiology, dermatology, orthopaedics and follow-up care for surgery for clients without having to travel.

Pocket talkers to amplify sound for people with hearing impairments, Indigenous cultural training and a French language capacity assessment have been implemented. An accessibility audit showed that while HHHS is compliant with accessibility standards, there are still gaps to improve, including more accessible parking to accommodate vans with ramps, clearer signage for people with visual impairment, and better access to pamphlets and information. Plummer thanked volunteers with disabilities who did a walk-through of facilities to find where needs can better be met.

"Having that real-time experience is informing us on how we're going to move forward," said Plummer.

More than 10,000 X-rays, 1,500 ultrasounds, 132 echocardiography tests and 453 bone density scans were performed throughout the year, in some cases using new equipment such as a portable X-ray machine. Almost 115 clients,

through 365 visits, accessed foot care services this year, an increase of more than 150 per cent from last year, and mental health visits increased by 35 per cent. More than 100 clients were supported in their first year of grief through bereavement services which saw almost 30 referrals.

"We did start the first few months of the year with a significant deficit of over \$250,000," said Plummer. "We established working groups throughout the year, continuing to meet regularly, and that were able to identify several cost-saving opportunities, and we worked closely with our partners to find innovative ways to be in a balanced position by the end of the year and we were successful."

Plummer noted that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Central East Local Health Integration Network provide funding to support the operation of HHHS, but both medical and non-medical critical equipment is funded through the fundraising efforts of the HHHS Foundation, Minden and Haliburton auxiliaries and what Plummer called the "extreme generosity of the community."

HHHS ended the year with a slight surplus of \$11,300 versus a budget plan of \$35,900. The HHHSF transferred \$330,624 to HHHS this year for capital purposes including an accessible transport van, chemistry analyzer and nurse call system, and are halfway to their goal of \$525,000 for cardiac telemetry equipment. The Haliburton and Minden auxiliaries raised a combined \$25,367 to purchase equipment including a neonatal warming unit, two blanket warming cabinets, an echocardiography stretcher, a recumbent bicycle, five new beds and a lift and vital signs equipment.

In the upcoming year, HHHS will be focusing attention on the Ontario Health Team initiative as it evolves, the next phase of master planning, an upcoming accreditation survey, an integrated clinical information system and a green hospital initiative to reduce HHHS's carbon footprint by conserving energy and becoming more environmentally friendly.

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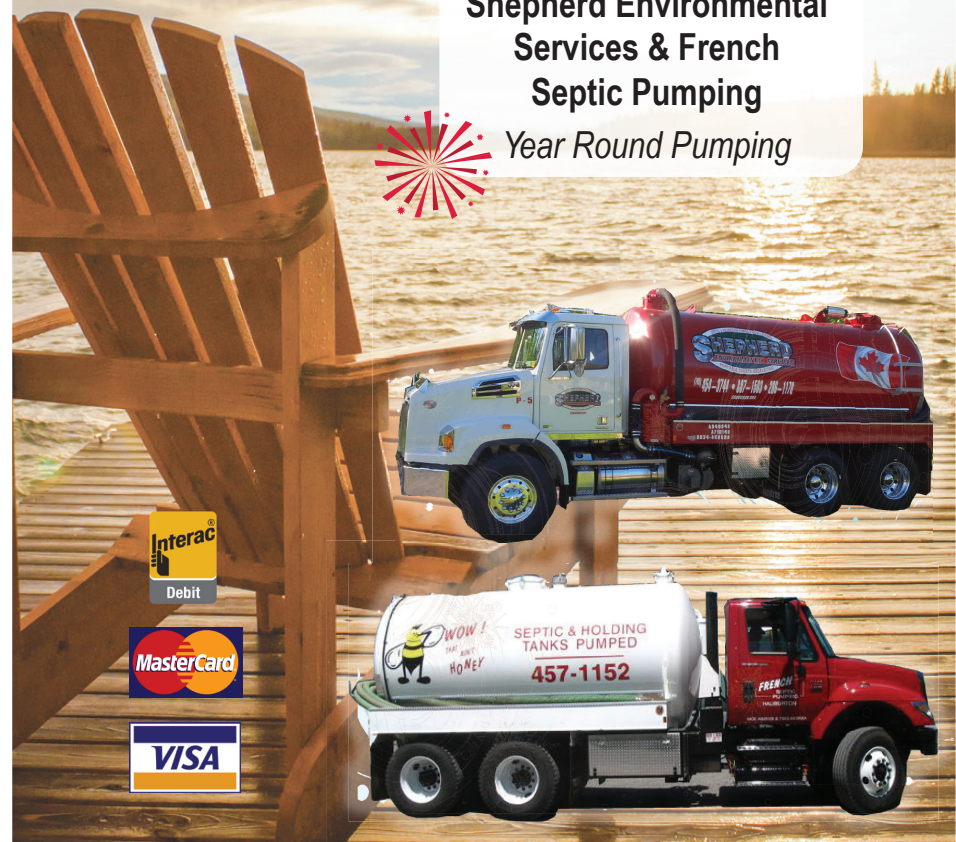
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Jaden Vanderwindt: Prolific artist paints the planets

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Outside The Carving Gallery on Hwy 35 in Moore Falls, Jaden Vanderwindt pulls a bright blue hoodie over his cap, covers his hands with protective gloves and lifts a mask to shield his face from paint fumes. Undisturbed by pesky mosquitoes and able to focus, his hands move deftly as he coats a canvas with layers of spray paint in a manner that could be random if it wasn't so clearly skilled. He thoughtfully places circular props at the top of the painting, weighing them down to create the effect he wants, and then scrapes the still-wet paint at the bottom of the canvas to reveal colour underneath the top layer, which takes the shape of buildings, a cityscape, and then very clearly, the Toronto skyline with a planetary backdrop.

Jaden is 12 years old, in Grade 6, and has sold more than 130 paintings, as is proudly recorded on a chalkboard hanging on the wall of the gallery his dad Walter owns, next to a display of Jaden's work.

He's been painting since he was four years old, when the first articles about his abstract

art were published in the *Minden Times* and *County Life*, just prior to a television appearance called "Preschool Picasso" on CityLine.

When he was around eight or nine years old, Walter began showing Jaden how to draw, instructing from the book, *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain*.

"When I was young someone taught me in a similar way, and it's just a switch, you look at things differently," said Walter.

From drawing, Jaden became interested in anime, and then YouTube videos introduced him to artists like VEXX, who inspired him to try something new through tutorials.

"Last year, ... I saw this video of viral spray paint," said Jaden. "I thought, I have spray paint, let me try. Why don't I do a soccer ball floating through space, because I like soccer? I was looking for painting tutorials because I wanted to do something else, and then I stumbled upon this."

"I like YouTube because he gets to choose what he wants to watch," said Walter. "Sure, some of it is just hilarious and off-the-wall ... but a lot of it for him I find very educational."

Jaden critiques his work as he describes it, able to pull from the collection of his work to

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Jaden Vanderwindt is a 12-year-old artist and Grade 6 student who has sold more than 130 paintings. His most recent spray painting techniques have been learned through creative experimentation and while studying street performers and artists on YouTube. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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show his first painting, his second, his third.

“That was his first one there, and I saw it, and oh, I’m not so sure if that’s the right way,” said Walter. “You don’t have to listen to your father, you can tell your father to ske-daddle, and luckily he didn’t and he quickly improved and as I saw the improvement, I said, there’s a lot of street performers that do this. He was watching an artist from Italy do a Roman coliseum, so I said to him, look, if you’re interested and you want to do a little show in Toronto, if you can do 50 of them, then I’ll take you to Toronto.”

“Then I kept going,” said Jaden. “My dad said if I make 50, I get to go to Toronto and spray paint in front of the Eaton’s Centre. The first day, I racked up 15. ‘This is going to be an early trip,’ my dad said. I did 15 in a day. Then I did seven the next day.”

“We went in September,” said Walter. “He started this in the summer and did quite well in the summer and then we went to Toronto, and boy was he nervous there. Once he got started he was fine. There were a couple of times where he went, enough, and then he did a couple more.”

In one year, Jaden sold more than 50 paintings. Despite that success, he said there’s more he wants to learn, more he wants to do – he’ll need a range of nozzles and different equipment, which he can purchase with the money he’s making that he isn’t investing in the stock market.

Lately, Jaden is fully self-motivated to

draw, and he flips through sketchbooks that travel with him to and from school. How does he decide what to draw?

“I just look at something that’s interesting,” he said. “I don’t have a phone. I wanted to draw. I was kind of bored.”

Each page shows something else that has caught Jaden’s interest: a toy out of a Kinder egg, a feather, his dad’s coffee, his dad’s shoe, his neck comforter on a plane, even the front of the sketchbook he’s using. His dad challenges him to try new techniques and the two gently rib each other about whose work is better, but Jaden also draws whenever, and sometimes wherever, he is. One drawing is of a reindeer.

“It was on the bus, and there were kids watching me, and they were little so they probably didn’t want me to draw something scary so I drew something cute,” he explained.

“My theory is that, Picasso’s great, every child can be an artist, but Jaden’s found his own little passion and direction,” said Walter. “That’s the neat part that I really like.”

“Most kids have this quote, what you want to do, you can do,” said Jaden. “If you try hard enough, you can reach it ... Most of the kids say that, most of the kids who want to get to their goal. I just want to have fun in my life, and I just want to draw.”

Though summer is here and Jaden is likely to be up the road playing with friends, his work is on display at The Carving Gallery at 8995 Hwy 35. Call 705-454-1701 for more information.



Jaden Vanderwindt is a 12-year-old artist and Grade 6 student who has sold more than 130 paintings. His most recent spray painting techniques have been learned through creative experimentation and while studying street performers and artists on YouTube.

A special **THANK YOU** to all those affected by this year’s flooding for your patience, understanding, cooperation and support.

As well, a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who offered and provided assistance for housing, food, sandbagging, equipment, clean-up, financial aid, as well as many other areas of support.

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Strawberry season

Above, blue skies and sun were the order of the day (with strawberries of course) at the annual YMCA Wanakita Strawberry Social on Sunday, June 23.

Right, local musical group Celtic Jam provided live entertainment to people who attended the Strawberry Social Open House.



Vegetables, salads and assorted dishes were available, including strawberry shortcake at the Strawberry Social Open House on Sunday, June 23. Several hundred people attended the annual event, which includes a tour of the Camp Wanakita property and use of facilities and outdoor equipment such as high ropes course and kayaks. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Minden denturist opens new clinic

by VANESSA BALINTEC
Times Staff

Out from his father’s practice and into his own, Steve Kerr has ventured not too far down the road from Dentistry in the Highlands and has opened up a denture clinic under his own name.

Steve Kerr Denture Clinic, located on 143 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, offers full denture services, including consultation, design, production, and repair of dentures to clients of all ages. After almost three years of providing his service at his father’s practice and half a year of renovations, Kerr is excited to take the next step in his career.

“I’ve been lucky because I’ve been able to ease into it a little bit,” said Kerr, who officially opened for business on June 17. “I was able to save as I go and build some confidence before I made a much bigger move. But it’s been exciting and stressful, everything you would expect for someone to make a large investment in their business. I’ve been here a week, and I’m enjoying it and finding it much better than I was even expecting.”

Kerr, coming from a long line of dentists, has learned a lot from working alongside family and is excited for the partnership to continue.

“It was awesome,” he said about his experience working with his father Bill Kerr and uncle Michael Cusato. “It’s kind of a family affair. So now, it’s really convenient they’re kind of my main referral source right across the road.”



Denturist Steve Kerr stands with receptionist Cass Briand, left, and denturist assistant Billie Joe Mueller, who both worked alongside him at Dentistry in the Highlands. Kerr has recently opened his own denture clinic. Staff will be hosting an open house event to welcome patients to the clinic at 143 Bobcaygeon Road on Friday, July 5 at 3 p.m. /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff

While his work is separate from his father and uncle’s general dental practice, the two businesses regularly work together to help provide service to their clients.

“It’s pretty common for either of us to be meeting a patient, and their treatment plan and my treatment plan need to be on the same page,” said Kerr. “It’s really handy.”

When he’s not working from his office in Minden, he travels to work in Scarborough. To help out his clients, he accommodates house calls and retirement home calls for those who have trouble with transportation and travelling.

“It’s just a service we can offer to make things easier on people,” said Kerr. “If people have a difficult time coming in, that’s something I can do.”

Outside of office work and home visits, his career follows him in his philanthropic work – he continues to volunteer his time at the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County and visits El Porvenir in Honduras.

“I think I’m lucky,” said Kerr. “I work hard, but have also had a lot of breaks going for me. I think that it only makes sense to help people that haven’t had the same breaks I’ve had – I try not to take too much credit for my success.”

But it’s his passion for his job that helps make things fall into place.

“I definitely love my job. I get to make people’s smiles. I get to make something with my hands and interact with people and sort of see the difference in their faces. It’s easy to be



Minden denturist Steve Kerr sets up a denture, hand-positioning the teeth in a wax mould model of a patient’s jaw.

excited about it, it’s easy to be passionate about it because it just is a cool job.”

Steve Kerr Denture Clinic will be having an open house on Friday, July 5 at 3 p.m. at 143 Bobcaygeon Road. For more information, you can visit www.stevekerrdentureclinic.com, email staff at stevekerr.denturist@gmail.com or call 705-286-4888.

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Save the date – Wednesday, July 17. Members of the Reading/Writing Connection will host the seventh annual Tall Pine Tales event at the Community Room, 13523 Hwy. 118 in Haliburton. A summer buffet will start at 5:45 p.m. and at 7 p.m. the readings will commence. Intermission will also provide an opportunity for networking, socializing and distribution of door prizes.

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Submitted by Pauline Johnson



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LOOK INSIDE



Minden goes wild on Canada Day

With patriotic costumes, decorated bicycles and zany rafts, the annual Canada Day bash in Minden was fun for all.

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Darren Lum/TIMES

Using her heads:

Joy Peterson, a Toronto visual artist, made her first visit to the Highlands to participate in the 12th annual Highlands Artisans Festival, and loved her time in Minden. She poses with two of her original pieces, 'potting heads'. The event drew hundreds of people to the S.G. Nesbitt community centre on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more pictures of the popular event, see page 13

Smell prompts calls

Where there's smoke, there's not always a local fire

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Centre in Haliburton, and local fire departments, were flooded with telephone calls Saturday morning. The smell of smoke and the hazy weather conditions prompted the calls from people who were concerned that there might be a fire in the area.

Jim Caverly, a fire management technician at the fire centre, said he believes the smoke is from fires in Quebec. "We've had calls from as far away as Stone Mills township north of Kingston, from Havelock and Pembroke and areas west of here," he said Saturday morning. "The phone started to ring at 8 o'clock this morning. We've easily fielded at least 50 to 60 calls already."

"There are no active fires currently burning in this area at this time," Caverly said at about 9:45 Saturday morning. "We had a small fire in some roots in Algonquin Park and a vehicle fire on Highway 69 about 45 kilometres north of Parry Sound yesterday." Both of those fires were extinguished.

The ministry sent personnel out on flights over Algonquin Park and other areas Friday and more were planned for Saturday.

Caverly said five fire fighting crews and a liaison officer were sent to help control fires near the Quebec community of Chibougamau Saturday morning. None were from the Haliburton base.



A trip down memory lane

Fred and Mike Baum share their long-time love affair with the beautiful waters of Kawagama

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In Quotes

It can be a place where you can take a picnic lunch... Reeve Eleanor Harrison, on the proposed Pine Springs septage lagoon.

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Toronto's trash hasn't yet infiltrated cottage country

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Minden Hills officials have decided to keep their eyes on trash levels at the local landfills as the piles of trash start to pile in the streets of Toronto.

"I don't know if it's possible, but maybe we should start watching our volume at local landfills," said Councillor Bill Obee at a recent council meeting.

"I agree [cottagers] pay taxes here, but they don't pay taxes to get rid of garbage generated elsewhere," he said.

The concern with overcrowding local landfill started to increase after members of Toronto's Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 416, including road crews and garbage collectors, went on strike in the big city.

Obee suggested the township look into monitoring the levels of trash that are brought into the landfills to ensure the garbage that is dumped is not transported from another place.

Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron said he hasn't seen overly high levels of trash at the landfills so far.

He said the July 1st weekend was busy, but long weekends are usually busy in the summer months.

"If the levels are going to change then we should start to see something this week," he said.

Landfill attendants don't regularly keep track of the number of vehicles entering the landfill sites, but from time to time they do monitor the traffic, he said.

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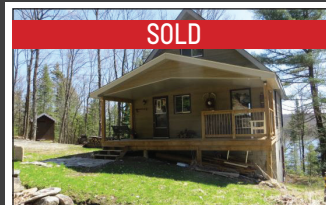


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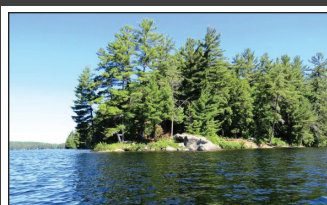


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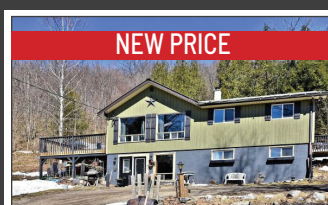
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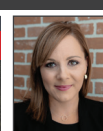
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